

First Aid**EMR****EMT****AEMT****Paramedic**

Visualize Airway & Forceps Removal of FBO (April 2013)

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| Item: Use of laryngoscope to visualize airway and remove foreign body obstruction with forceps. |
| Classification: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advanced Life Support procedure• Specified in existing regulations. |
| Use and Level: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not authorized for EMT or AEMT• Authorized for EMT-P through existing regulations |
| Authority: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 100146(c)(1)(C) of the Paramedic Regulations, Chapter 4, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations allows a Paramedic to visualize a patient's airway with a laryngoscope and use forceps to remove foreign body obstructions. |
| Training: As specified in EMT and Paramedic regulations for level of provider. |
| Equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No suggestions/recommendations |
| Medical Direction: Used in accordance with a protocol written and approved by the local EMS agency medical director (HS 1797.220). |
| Considerations and Recommendations: No additional guidance at this time. |